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MAE334 - Introduction to Instrumentation and Computers

Final Examination

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1. Be sure to fill in your name and 8 digit person number (starting from the left and with no gaps or hyphens) on side two of the scoring sheet and also on this questioner.
2. Be sure to fill in circle number 1 under the "Grade or Education" box on side two of the scoring sheet. This is your exam number. There are 4 different exams!
3. For each question, choose the best answer and place a mark corresponding to that answer on the machine scoring form.
4. All questions are weighted equally.

Failure to correctly complete steps 1 and 2 above will most likely result in a grade of ZERO!

1) Add the two 4 bit binary numbers 1100 and 0010. A negative number is in 2's complement binary representation.

- a) 14
- b) 6
- c) 2
- d) -2 = 1100 (-4) + 2**
- e) None of the above

2) With no other knowledge about the voltage signal which was discretely sampled using an ADC and plotted in the graph on the right you can determine the highest frequency in the voltage signal was

- a) 1 Hz
- b) 2 Hz
- c) 3 Hz
- d) With no other knowledge you have no idea what the input signal freq. was**

3) The best signal-to-noise ratio that can be achieved with the analog to digital converters used in the lab is $20 \log(4096)$ decibels.

- a) True Eq. 7.15**
- b) False

4) A typical dynamic calibration is used to obtain both the static sensitivity and frequency response characteristics of a sensor.

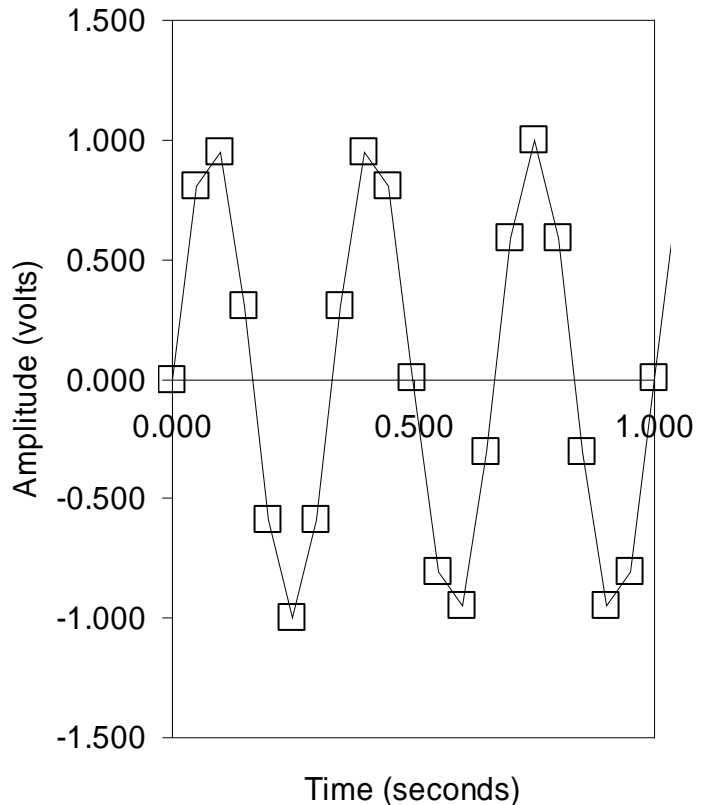
- a) True
- b) False – static sensitivity is obtained from a static calibration**

5) Which extraneous variable most contributed to the discrepancy in the $PV = \text{constant}$ assumption used in “Lab #4 Studying the Behavior of a Compressed Gas.”

- a) Quantization error
- b) Electronic interference noise
- c) Temperature change of the compressed gas, PV^n (polytropic system)**
- d) Pressure transducer accuracy
- e) Potentiometer accuracy

6) If the sensor output, $y(t)$, is a linear function of the input, $y(t) = KF(t)$, then

- a) The static sensitivity is frequency dependent
- b) The sensor could be a thermocouple
- c) The sensor behaves as a zero-order system**
- d) All of the above
- e) None of the above



7) If a system can be modeled with the equation, $\text{Output} = mc_v dT(t)/dt$, where m and c_v are constants and T is a function time, t , it is referred to as a first order system.

- a) **True, it is a first order diff. eq.**
- b) False

8) Is the plot on the right representative of a first order system response? (τ is the time constant)

- a) True
- b) **False, at $t/\tau = 1$, value $\approx (2/3)y(\infty)$**

9) If you know the time constant, τ , of a first order system you can uniquely define the frequency response characteristics of the system.

- a) **True**
- b) False

10) If the transfer function magnitude ratio of a first order system is $M(\omega) = 1/[1+(\omega\tau)^2]^{1/2}$ then to avoid aliasing of a fluctuating temperature signal with a range of 1 °C recorded using a thermocouple you could sample at what rate? Given: $\tau = 1/(2\pi)$ seconds and the measurement resolution is 0.1 °C.

(Hint: at what frequency is the response of the thermocouple to a 1 °C fluctuation less than the resolution of your measurement device?)

- a) $\sqrt{99}$ Hz, $M(\omega) = 0.1 = 1/[1+(2\pi f / 2\pi)^2]^{1/2}$, $f = [(1/0.1^2) - 1]^{1/2}$
- b) $\sqrt{99}/2\pi$ Hz
- c) 2π Hz
- d) 1 Hz
- e) None of the above

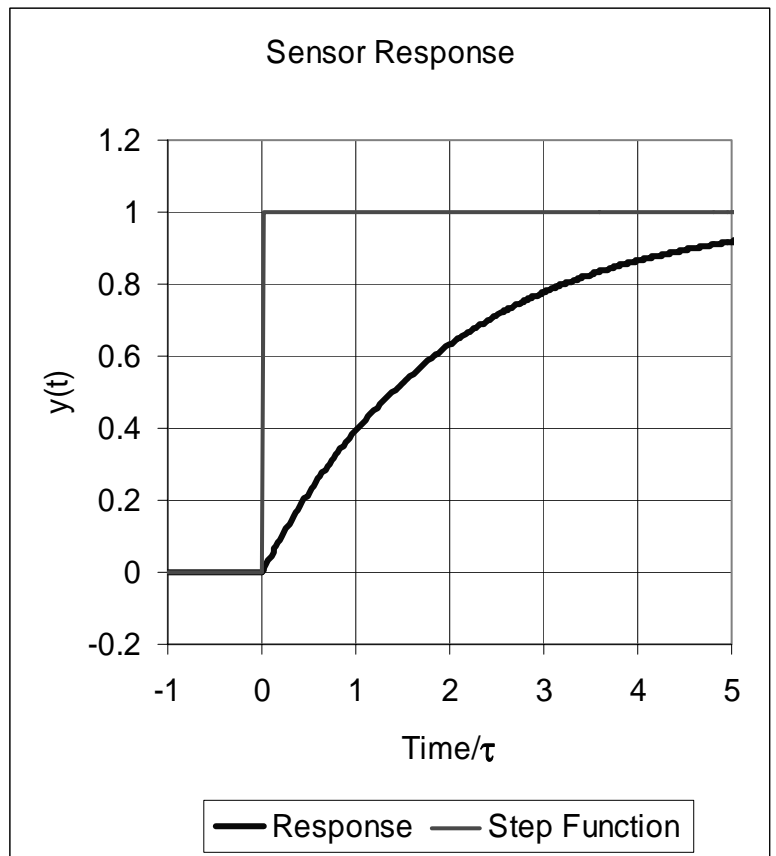
11) Using the information from the previous question. The output magnitude ratio at 1 Hz is

$$M(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

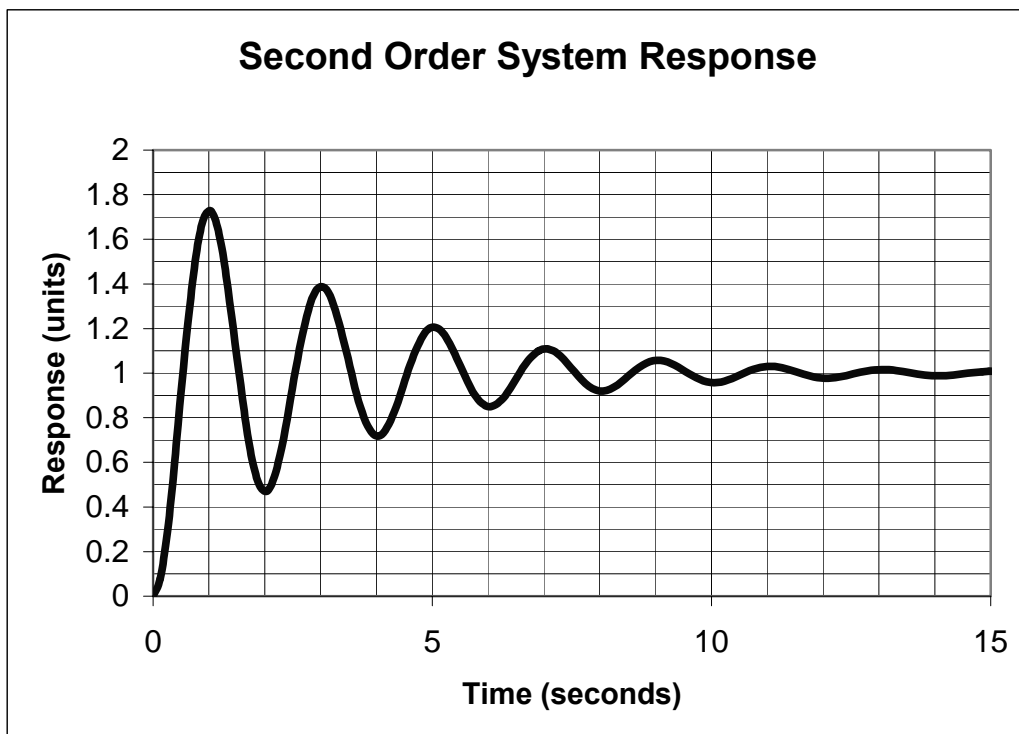
- a) **True, $M(\omega) = 1/[1+(2\pi 1 / 2\pi)^2]^{1/2} = [(1/(1+1))]^{1/2}$**
- b) False

12) The total area under a probability density function is

- a) Related to the variance of the data set
- b) **Always equal to 1 by definition!**
- c) Related to the number of data points
- d) All of the above
- e) None of the above

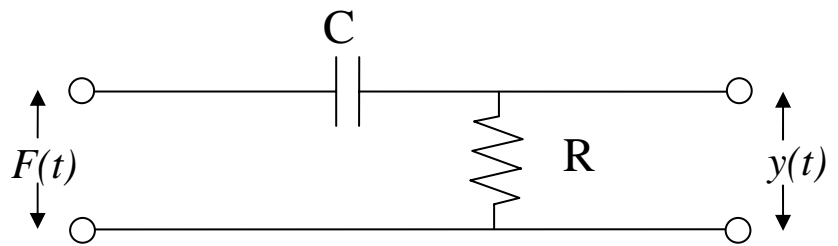


- 13) The standard deviation is equal to the square of the variance.
- True
 - False, equals the square root of the variance**
- 14) Approximately 68% of the measurements of normally distributed variable are within one standard deviation of the mean value.
- True, see figure 4.4**
 - False
- 15) If we know the probability density function of a measurement variable then one can
- Figure out the mean value
 - Figure out the variance
 - Estimate the probability of recording a particular range of values
 - All of the above**
 - None of the above
- 16) A large data set ($N > 1000$) has a mean value of 9.2 units and a standard deviation of 1.1 units. Determine the range of values in which 50% of the data set should be found, assuming a normal probability.
- $9.2 \pm (0.674 \times 1.1)$**
 - $9.2 \pm \frac{1}{2}(0.674 \times 1.1)$
 - $\pm(9.2 \times 0.674)$
 - None of the above
- 17) For all of the static calibrations of linear transducers performed in the lab this semester the number of degrees of freedom of the calibration curve was, $\nu = N - 2$, where N is the number of static calibration points collected.
- True**
 - False



- 18) The Power Spectrum of the second order system response plotted above would have a marked peak at 2 Hz.
- True
 - False, period = 2 sec, freq = 1/2 Hz**
- 19) The time constant of the second order system response plotted above is approximately 0.5 seconds.
- True
 - False, second order system don't have a time constant! It has a rise time of about 0.5 sec.**
- 20) The settling time of the second order system response plotted above is approximately 7 seconds.
- True, it settles to within ±10% in 7 seconds**
 - False
- 21) If the response of a system can be modeled with the equation,
- $$y(t) = y(0) + C \left[\frac{A}{B} \sin(Bt) + \cos(Bt) \right] e^{-At},$$
- where A , B & C are constants, then it is
- an over damped second order system
 - a critically damped second order system
 - an under damped second order system, see lab or 3.15a**
 - None of the above
- 22) The damped natural frequency of an under damped second order system can be expressed in terms of the natural frequency and the damping ratio as, $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$.
- True, see eq. 3.17 (lab handout has an error as discussed in class)**
 - False
- 23) If the damping ratio of a second order system is below 0.5 then the output amplitude will be greater than the input amplitude if it is subjected to a sinusoidal input at the natural frequency.
- True, see figure 3.16**
 - False
- 24) For a second order system the frequency response phase shift will be 90 degrees at the natural frequency no matter what the damping ratio is.
- True, see figure 3.17**
 - False
- 25) A pressure transducer which is not a null device has a static sensitivity which is proportional to the deflection it undergoes due to a change in pressure.
- True, see class notes**
 - False
- 26) The pressure transducer used in the lab was based on a diaphragm and strain gauge principle.
- True, see Entran web site**
 - False

27) To accurately measure the output voltage $y(t)$ in the circuit on the right your meter should have an input impedance of approximately twice R .



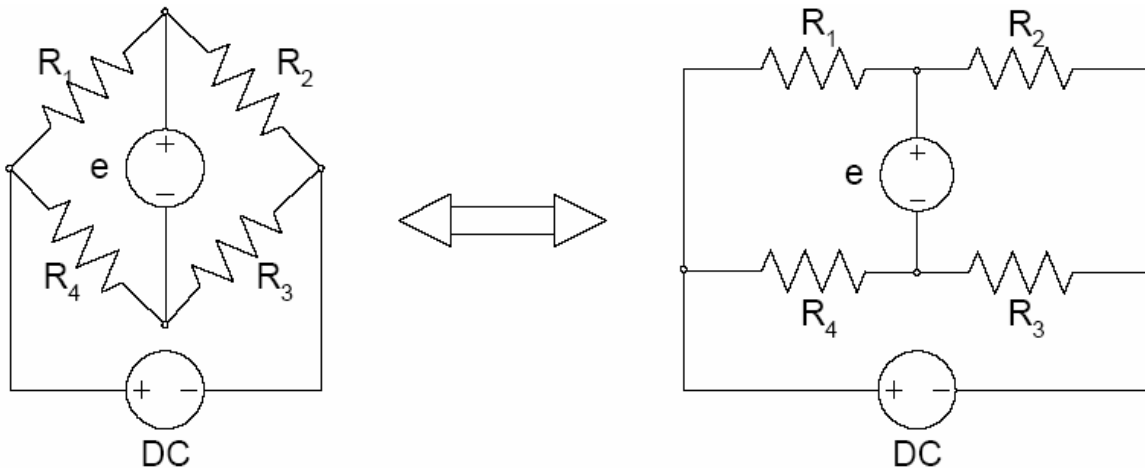
- a) True
- b) **False, meter $\gg R$**

28) Pressure is considered to be an effort variable and should be measured with a low input impedance sensor.

- a) True
- b) **False, pressure is an effort variable and should be measured with a high input impedance sensor.**

29) The temperature gage in your car should have a low input impedance.

- a) True
- b) **False, temperature is an effort variable and should be measured with a high input impedance sensor. The gage should also have a high input impedance to avoid loading the sensor output.**



30) The Wheatstone bridge pictured above would be called “balanced” *only* if all the resistances were equal.

- a) True
- b) **False, If $e = 0$ the bridge is balanced. $R_1 = R_4 \neq R_2 = R_3$**

31) If R_1 in the Wheatstone bridge pictured above is a strain gauge then varying a well calibrated potentiometer at R_4 , would be a method of allowing one to use a sensitive D'Arsonval meter to accurately measure the bridge voltage.

- a) **True, varying R_4 to equal R_1 will balance the bridge, $e=0$, no current will flow to the meter.**
- b) False

32) An optical interferometer used to measure displacements has an inherent precision on the order of the wavelength of the light source.

- a) **True, see notes for explanation of interferometer principle**
- b) False

- 33) A linear potentiometer as used in the fourth lab has a position measurement zero order uncertainty of _____ where K is the static sensitivity of the position vs. voltage calibration and Q is the resolution of the ADC.
- $\pm \frac{1}{2} (K Q)$, eq. 5.1 times the static sensitivity gives the position measurement zero order sensitivity.
 - $\pm (K Q)$
 - $\pm \frac{1}{2} Q$
 - $\pm Q$
 - None of the above
- 34) The full scale resolution, Q , of the ADC used in the lab is
- $20/4096 = E_{FSR}/2^M = \pm 10/2^{12}$
 - 10/4096
 - Range/2¹⁰
 - Both a) and c)
 - None of the above
- 35) If the desired quantity is a function of 3 measurements, M_1 , M_2 & M_3 , in the form of, $y = 2M_1 + 4M_2 + 10M_3$, then the uncertainty in y can be expressed as a function of the uncertainty associated with each measurement, U_1 , U_2 and U_3 as
- $U_d = \pm \sqrt{U_1^2 + U_2^2 + U_3^2}$
 - $U_d = \pm \sqrt{2U_1^2 + 4U_2^2 + 10U_3^2}$
 - $U_d = \pm \sqrt{(2U_1)^2 + (4U_2)^2 + (10U_3)^2}$, see equation 5.13
 - $U_d = \pm \sqrt{(\frac{2}{2}U_1)^2 + (\frac{4}{2}U_2)^2 + (\frac{10}{2}U_3)^2}$
 - None of the above

Design Stage Uncertainty Problem

An ADC is to be used to measure the output from a thermocouple. The nominal temperature expected will be about 20 °C. Estimate the design-stage uncertainty in this combination. The following information is available:

ADC

Gain:	1
Range:	±1 volt
Resolution:	10 bits
Accuracy:	within 0.001% of reading

Thermocouple

Sensitivity:	10 ⁻⁴ V/°C
Linearity:	within 1 mV/°C over range
Repeatability:	within 2 mV/°C over range
Resolution:	negligible

36) The voltage measurement design stage uncertainty of the ADC is

- a) $u_0 = \pm \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{2^{10}} \right)$, this is the zero order uncertainty
- b) $(u_d)_E = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{2^{10}} \right) \right)_E^2 + (2 \times 10^{-8})_E^2}$, see equation 5.3, example 5.2
- c) $(u_d)_E = \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{2^{10}} \right)_E^2 + (2 \times 10^{-8})_E^2}$
- d) None of the above

37) The design stage uncertainty of the thermocouple can be assumed to be

- a) $\pm \sqrt{[(1 \text{ mV}/^\circ\text{C}) \times 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}]^2 + [2 \text{ mV}/^\circ\text{C} \times 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}]^2}$, see equation 5.3, example 5.2
- b) $\pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{[(1 \text{ mV}/^\circ\text{C}) \times 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}]^2 + [2 \text{ mV}/^\circ\text{C} \times 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}]^2}$
- c) $\pm \sqrt{[1 \text{ mV}]^2 + [2 \text{ mV}]^2}$
- d) None of the above

38) The Fourier Transform of a square wave will contain infinite frequencies.

- a) **True, the magnitude of the higher harmonics is very small but they continue forever**
- b) False

39) The step input response function can be used to characterize the dynamic response of a system because the step input contains uniform frequency content from 0 to infinity.

- a) **True, you performed a Fourier transform of such a response to obtain the transfer function**
- b) False

40) The delta function integral $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \delta(t) dt$ is defined to be

- a) **1, this is part of the definition of the delta function**
- b) $\frac{1}{2}$
- c) 0
- d) None of the above

41) The lowest resolvable frequency in a sample data set is

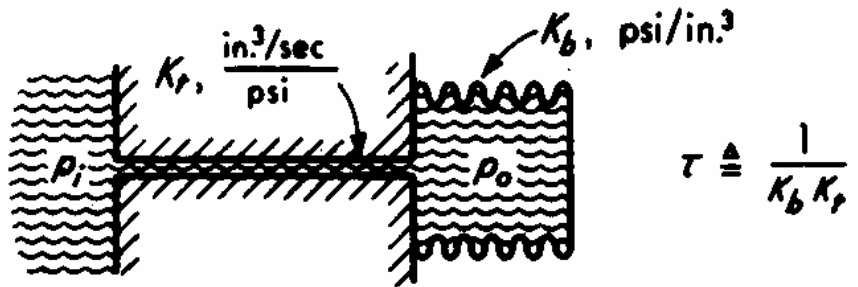
- a) The Nyquist frequency
- b) **1/record length = longest period in a data set**
- c) $\frac{1}{2}$ the sampling rate
- d) $(\frac{1}{2}$ the sampling rate) x number of samples
- e) None of the above

42) The minimum sampling rate required to resolve the fundamental frequency of a 100 Hz square wave would be

- a) > 50 Hz
- b) > 100 Hz
- c) **> 200 Hz, you would get the fundamental, but no higher harmonics**
- d) > 300 Hz
- e) > ~ 1000 Hz

- 43) If t is in seconds, the frequency in Hertz of $y(t) = 12\sin(18\pi t)$ is:
- 9, obvious I hope, $\omega = 2\pi f$**
 - 18
 - 18π
 - 36
 - none of the above.
- 44) The error function of a thermocouple subjected to a step input will vary from
- 1 to 0, starts at 100% error and eventually reaches $y(\infty)$**
 - 0 to $-\infty$
 - T_0 to T_∞
 - 1 to 0
 - None of the above
- 45) Amplitude ambiguity in the Fourier Transform of a signal can be reduced by
- sampling long enough
 - sampling for an integer multiple of the signal period.
 - Sampling much faster than the twice the highest frequency in the signal
 - All of the above
 - Both a) and b)**

- 46) The figure to the right is an example of a hydraulic high pass filter.
- True
 - False, low pass see class notes.**

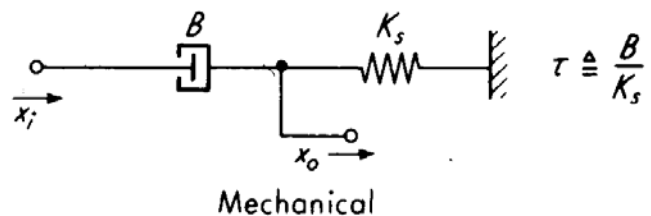


Hydraulic

- 47) The mechanical system in the schematic to the right is a high pass filter.
- True, see notes**
 - False

- 48) The key features of a Bessel low pass filter are

- Simple construction, moderate roll off and non-linear phase shift
- Simple construction, gradual roll off and non-linear phase shift
- Gradual roll off and linear phase shift**
- Steep roll off and linear phase shift
- Steep roll off and non-linear phase shift



Mechanical

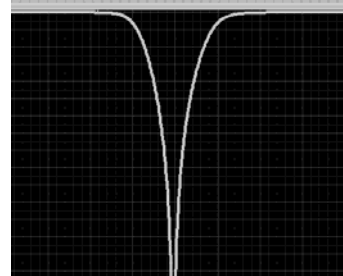
- 49) A high order elliptic filter would be effective for
- Sound recording systems
 - Anti-aliasing signal conditioning is the most widely used application of elliptic filters**
 - Simultaneous sampling of multiple channels
 - None of the above

50) A Butterworth filter with a cut-off frequency of $5,000/\pi$ Hz could be fabricated with

- a) 10^3 ohm resistor and 1 μ F capacitor (a microfarad = 10^{-6} F)
- b) 10^4 ohm resistor and 1 μ F capacitor
- c) 10^4 ohm resistor and 1 pF capacitor (a picoFarad = 10^{-12} F)
- d) 10^3 ohm resistor and 1 pF capacitor
- e) **None of the above, $f_c = 5,000/\pi = 1/(RC2\pi)$, $10^{-4} = RC$**

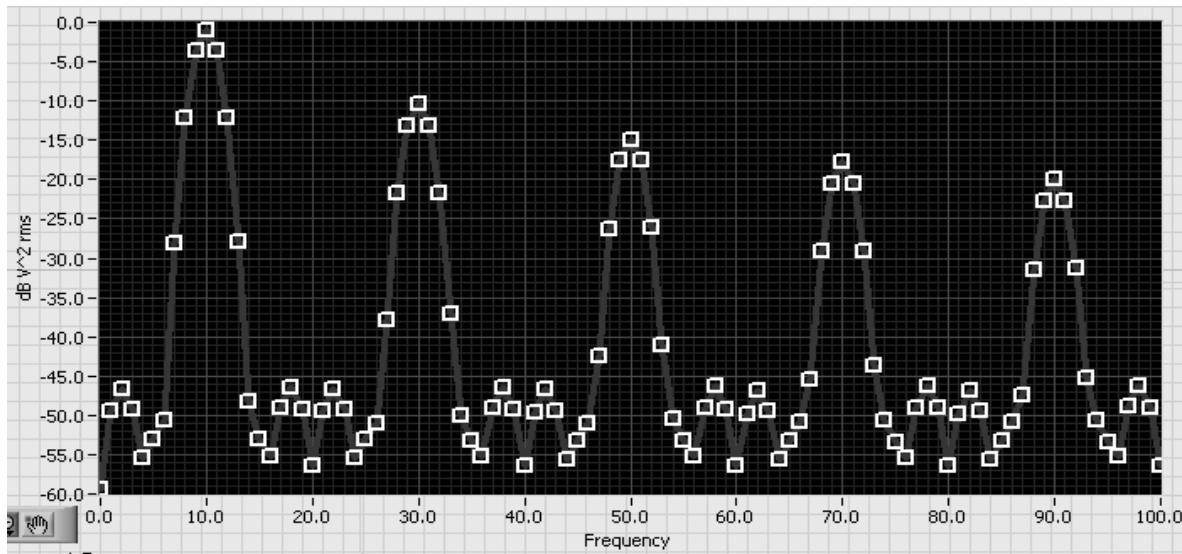
51) When describing the amplitude reduction of Butterworth lowpass filter, the -3 dB frequency, the half-power frequency and filter cut-off frequency all refer to the same frequency.

- a) **True**
- b) False



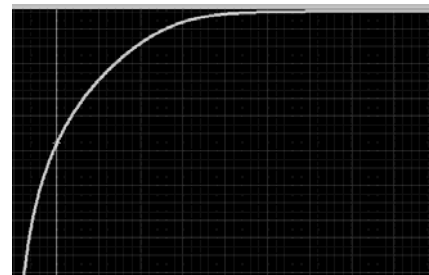
52) The magnitude of the filter transfer function plotted to the right is of a notch filter.

- a) **True, or band reject filter**
- b) False



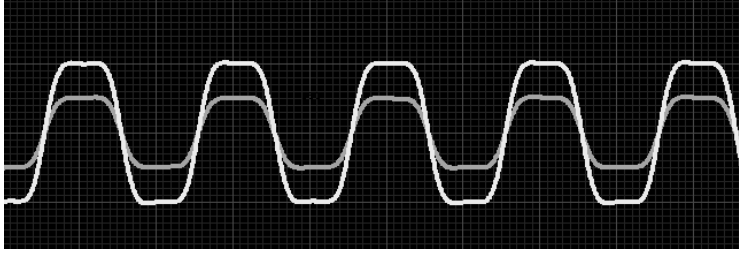
53) The frequency spectra plotted above is of a complex periodic waveform with both even and odd harmonics.

- a) True
- b) **False, only odd harmonics, 10, 30, 50...**



54) The magnitude of the filter transfer function plotted to the right is of a band pass filter.

- a) True
- b) **False, high pass filter**

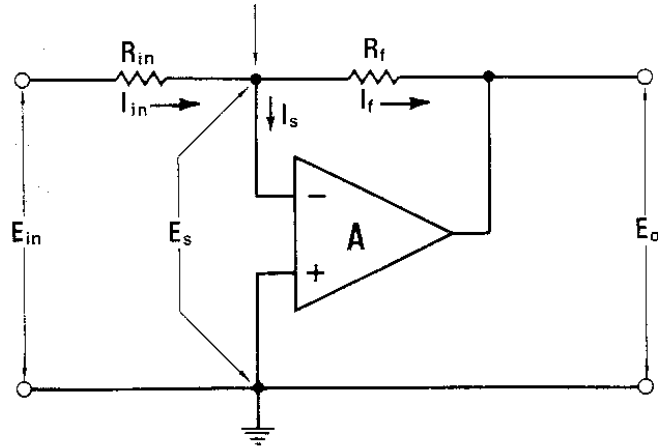


55) The signal plotted above is that of a square wave passed through a low pass filter.

- a) **This output signal is indicative of a Bessel filter, class LabVIEW demo**
- b) This output signal is indicative of a Butterworth filter
- c) This output signal is indicative of a Elliptic filter

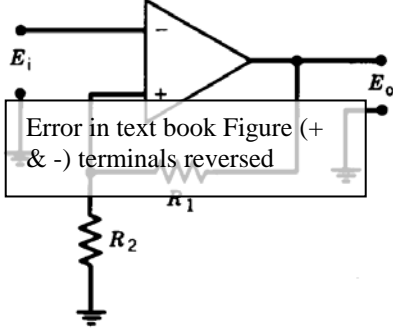
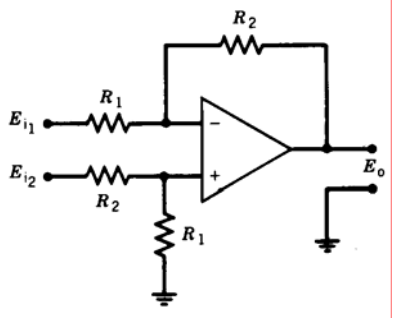
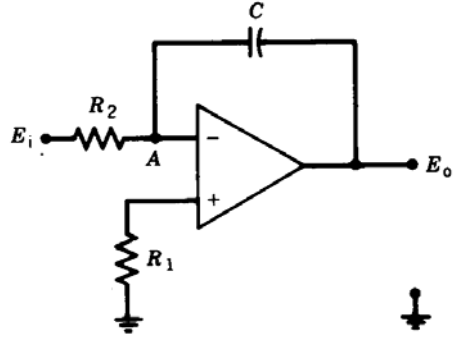
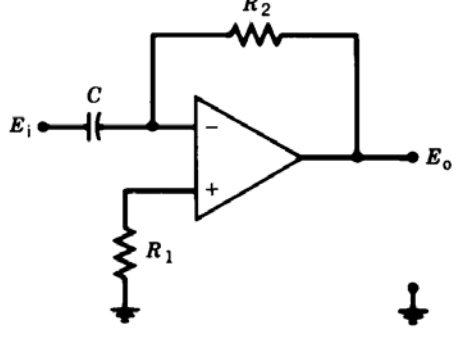
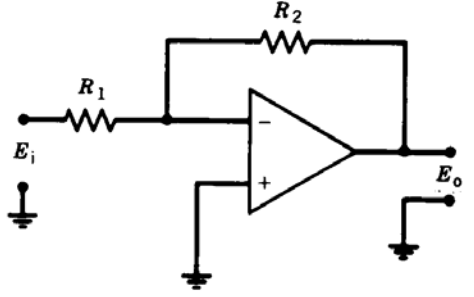
56) The operational amplifier circuit pictured to the right has a gain of

- a) **Gain = $-R_f/R_{in}$, figure 6.21b**
- b) Gain = R_f/R_{in}
- c) Gain = $-R_f/(R_{in} + R_f)$
- d) Gain = $R_f/(R_{in} + R_f)$
- e) None of the above



Use the following answers for the next 5 questions

- a) Integrator
- b) Differential Amplifier
- c) Differentiator
- d) Non-inverting Amplifier
- e) Inverting Amplifier

 <p>(a) Noninverting amplifier</p> <p>57) Figure 1. Op-Amp Circuit is a: (d or e)</p>	 <p>(c) Differential amplifier</p> <p>58) Figure 2. Op-Amp Circuit is a: (b)</p>
 <p>(e) Integrator</p> <p>59) Figure 3. Op-Amp Circuit is a: (a)</p>	 <p>(f) Differentiator</p> <p>60) Figure 4. Op-Amp Circuit (c)</p>
 <p>(b) Inverting amplifier</p> <p>61) Figure 5. Op-Amp Circuit is a: (e)</p>	<p>62) The gain of the amplifier circuit in Figure 1 is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) $-R_1R_2$ b) $-R_1/R_2$ c) R_1R_2 d) R_2/R_1 e) $-R_2/R_1$ f) Any answer accepted – error in figure

63) Which of the following never depends on the sampling rate?

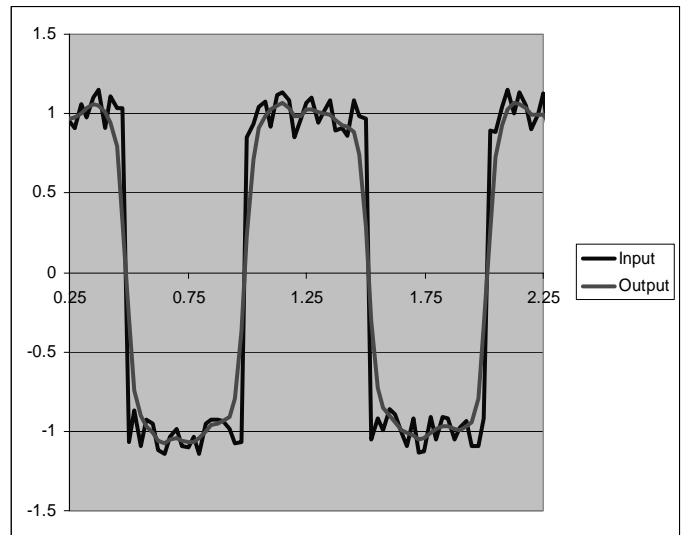
- a) Frequency of the sampled signal
- b) Magnitude of the sampled signal
- c) Nyquist frequency
- d) Shape of the sampled signal
- e) **None of the above – they all depend on the sampling rate**

64) Which low pass filter type produces a constant time delay between the input and output signals?

- a) **Bessel**
- b) Butterworth
- c) Chebyshev
- d) Elliptic

65) The input data is digitally filtered in Excel using a weighted averaging algorithm to produce the output data in the figure to the right. As demonstrated in class a simple weighted averaging algorithm always produces a linear phase shift of the input data.

- a) True
- b) **False, the shape of the weighting function effects the phase shift**



66) What type of thermocouple did we use in the second lab?

- a) K-type Chromel-Aluminum
- b) J-type Iron-Constantan
- c) **T-type Copper-Constantan**
- d) G-type Tungsten-Rhodium

67) Voltage is

- a) **an effort variable**
- b) a flow variable

68) In Lab #3 “Transient Thermal Behavior with Work and Heat Loss” given a constant work input, the calorimeter temperature would reach a steady state temperature

- a) When the temperature was equal to the lab air temperature
- b) **When the heat transfer to the lab air equaled the work input**
- c) After approximately 2 minutes of work input
- d) None of the above

69) As the temperature of the calorimeter in Lab #3 increased the thermistor circuit output voltage increases.

- a) True
- b) **False, your static sensitivity was negative and the voltage vs. time plot should have a negative slope**

- 70) The static sensitivity in units of °C/volt of the thermocouple used in the second lab is much larger than the thermistor used in the third lab.
- True
 - False, note the units, Thermocouple is order 10^{-4} °C/volt, Thermistor order 10 °C/volt**
- 71) The natural frequency of the pressure transducer used in Lab 4 was found to be several kilohertz by analyzing the resonant frequency of the step input response function.
- True
 - False, the step input response oscillated at about 300 Hz.**
- 72) For an adiabatic compression $PV = \text{constant}$, where P and V are the pressure and volume respectively.
- True
 - False, $PV^n = \text{constant}$ for adiabatic compression**
- 73) It was found that the pressure volume relationship in Lab 4 matched that of a polytropic compression.
- True**
 - False
- 74) Which of the following does not indicate the linearity of a static calibration?
- The correlation coefficient, R
 - Slope of the regression line**
 - The 95% confidence interval
 - Standard error of the fit, S_{xy}
 - None of the above
- 75) What kind of elastic element was used in the pressure transducer of our experiment #4.
- a strain gage bonded to the diaphragm**
 - a capacitive sensor detecting diaphragm movement
 - a piezoresistive semiconductor, either answer is accepted**
 - none of the above
- 76) A histogram of repeated measurements of a static value
- is useful for determining if the extraneous variables are randomly distributed.
 - provides an approximation of the bias error
 - provides an approximation of the precision error
 - all of the above are correct**
 - only a) and c) are correct
- 77) If the output impedance of an operational amplifier is zero it is an infinite source of power.
- True, definition of zero output impedance (not true for a real op amp)**
 - False

78) The histogram plotted to the right is indicative of a sinusoidal signal.

- a) **True, from class demo**
- b) False

79) The signal from which the histogram to the right is calculated spends approximately 18% of the time near its extremes.

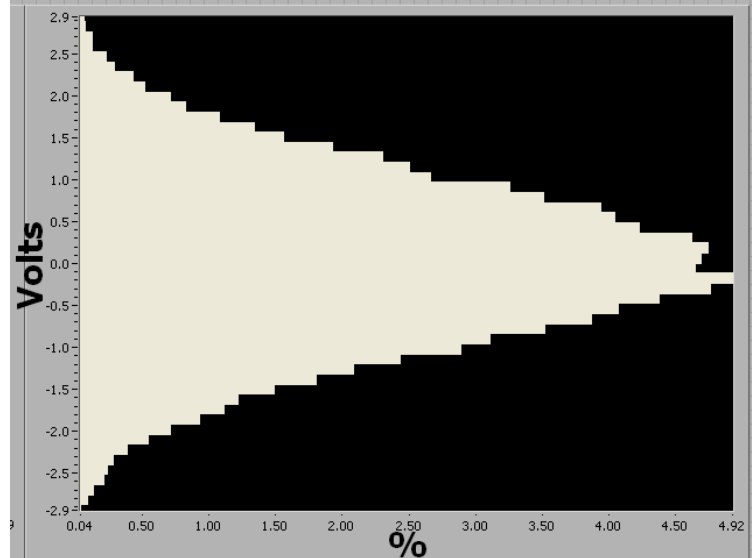
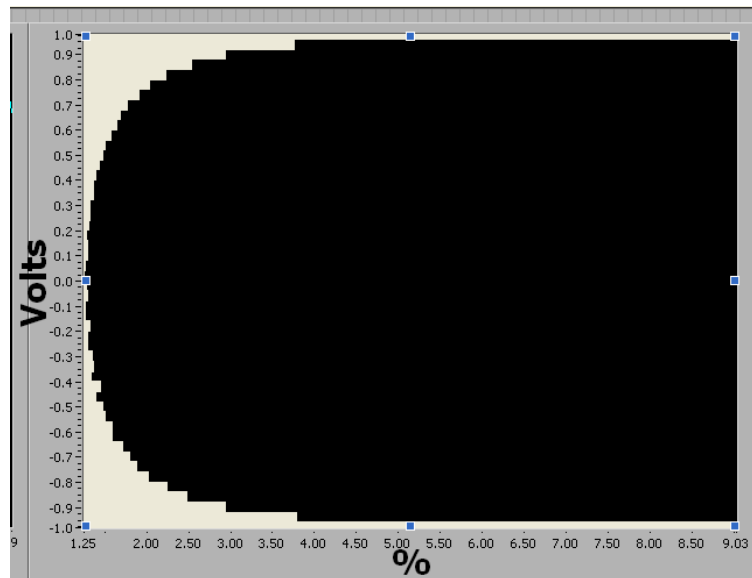
- a) **True, 9% at each extreme**
- b) False

80) The histogram plotted to the right is appears to be of a randomly distributed data set.

- a) **True, from class demo**
- b) False

81) By jumping off the bumper of a car and observing the step input response of the suspension you recognize the ideal single oscillation as

- a) An over damped second order system
- b) A critically damped second order system
- c) **An under damped second order system, any mass spring system that “oscillated” is under damped. A properly functioning car suspension only oscillates once.**



82) Velocity should be measured with a low input impedance sensor.

- a) true
- b) **false, velocity is an effort variable**

83) Given a second order system with a damping ratio of 1, a reduction in the mass of the system will cause it to oscillate at a higher frequency.

- a) True
- b) **False, a critically damped second order system, $\zeta=1$, will never oscillate. It will have a shorter settling time with less mass.**

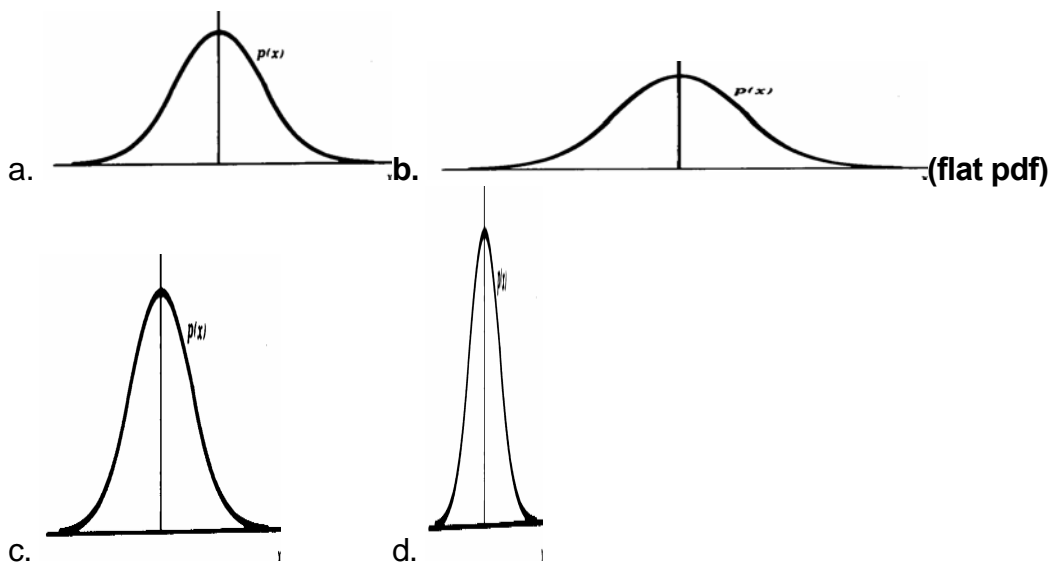
84) Given a second order system with a damping ratio of 1, a reduction in the mass of the system will reduce the settling time.

- a) **True**
- b) False

slope	23502	16.400	intercept
Standard error for the slope	110.32	0.1242	Standard error for the intercept
R Square	0.9991	0.7225	S_{yx}, Standard error for the y estimate
The F statistic	45381	43	v, Degrees of freedom
regression sum of squares	23686	22.44	D, residual sum of squares

Table 1. Microsoft Excel LINEST output from a thermocouple static calibration data set.

- 85) Using the output from the LINEST function in Table 1 determine the 90% confidence interval of the fit.
- $y_{ci} = \pm (0.9991)(1.681)$
 - $y_{ci} = \pm (0.7225)(1.681)$
 - $y_{ci} = \pm (16.4)(1.681)$
 - $y_{ci} = \pm (0.1242)(1.681)$
 - none of the above
- 86) More than 99.9% of the variance in y is accounted for by the fit in Table 1.
- True
 - False
- 87) A 49 Hz sine wave sampled at 100 Hz will result in a sampled data set with what frequency
- 1 Hz
 - 2 Hz
 - 49 Hz, it is not aliased**
 - none of the above
- 88) Given the following probability density functions. Which signal has the largest standard deviation?



- 89) In this class we refer to the true mean value of a continuous function as x' .
- True
 - False

90) The half-tone pattern in the image to the right could be removed with Fourier transform filtering.

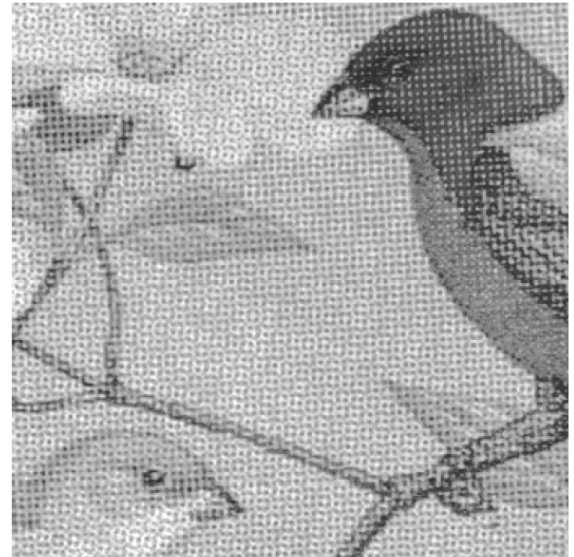
- a) **True, class discussion**
- b) False

91) Accuracy is a measure of the ability to represent a true (known) value.

- a) **true**
- b) false

92) Two resistors are combined to form an equivalent resistance of $R = 1000$ ohms. Readily available are two common resistors at 500 ± 50 ohm and 2000 ± 100 ohm.

- a) Combining the 500 ohm resistors in series produces the most accurate result
- b) **Combining the 2000 ohm resistors in parallel produces the most accurate result, example done in class, homework 5.9**



93) The quantization size of an ADC is related to:

- a) the speed of the A/D conversion.
- b) **the gain of the input single, $Q = E_{FSR} / \text{Gain} / 2^M$**
- c) the amplitude of the input signal relative to the full range of the A/D converter.
- d) all of the above are correct.
- e) only B and C are correct.

94) As the standard error of the fit, S_{xy} , decreases the confidence limits on a linear regression line will decrease in magnitude as well.

- a) **True, $u_{ci} = \pm (S_{xy} t_{v, P\%})$**
- b) False

For the next 3 questions: Given an analog pressure gauge like that used in the lab with a resolution of 5 psi and an accuracy of $\pm 4\%$ of the reading. **See homework 5.7**

95) Find the zero order uncertainty, u_0 , at 100 psi.

- a) $u_0 = \pm 2$ psi
- b) $u_0 = \pm 4$ psi
- c) $u_0 = \pm 5$ psi
- d) **$u_0 = \pm 2.5$ psi**
- e) none of the above

96) Find the uncertainty error, u_c , at 60 psi

- a) $u_c = \pm 5$ psi
- b) $u_c = \pm 2.5$ psi
- c) **$u_c = \pm 2.4$ psi**
- d) $u_c = \pm 1.2$ psi

97) The design stage uncertainty, u_d , at 60 psi can be found using the formula

- a) $u_d = \pm (u_c + u_0)^{0.5}$
- b) $u_d = \pm 1/2(u_c + u_0)^{0.5}$
- c) **$u_d = \pm (u_c^2 + u_0^2)^{0.5}$**
- d) $u_d = \pm 1/2(u_c^2 + u_0^2)^{0.5}$
- e) none of the above

- 98) Given a data set with 50 values, a sample mean of 2.0 and a sample standard deviation of 0.2. Approximately 99% of the data points will lie in the range of
- $2.0 \pm (0.2)(2.678)$
 - $2.0 \pm (0.2)(2.680)$**
 - $2.0 \pm (0.2)(2.682)$
 - none of the above
- 99) If the source of the precision error in a measurement is the instrument resolution, the precision error can be assumed to have Gaussian distribution
- True**
 - False
- 100) In a design-stage uncertainty analysis, the zero-order uncertainty estimate for each component of the instrument system is estimated from
- preliminary measurements using the component.
 - the manufacturer's estimates of all sources of instrument error.
 - the instrument resolution.
 - a combination of A and C.
 - a combination of B and C, you do a design-stage analysis before you buy your instrument!**

Representative values of the Student-t estimator are as follows:

ν	$t_{\nu, 50\%}$	$t_{\nu, 90\%}$	$t_{\nu, 95\%}$	$t_{\nu, 99\%}$
40	0.681	1.684	2.021	2.704
41	0.681	1.683	2.020	2.701
42	0.680	1.682	2.018	2.698
43	0.680	1.681	2.017	2.695
44	0.680	1.680	2.015	2.692
45	0.680	1.679	2.014	2.690
46	0.680	1.679	2.013	2.687
47	0.680	1.678	2.012	2.685
48	0.680	1.677	2.011	2.682
49	0.680	1.677	2.010	2.680
50	0.679	1.676	2.009	2.678
∞	0.674	1.645	1.960	2.576